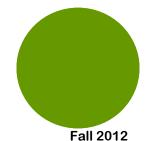


# A newsletter for City of Tempe volunteers

# Voluntarily Yours







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## **Tempe Recognizes Its Volunteers**

Volunteering 101
Tuesday, September 11
5 to 6 p.m.
Meeting Room B,
Lower level at the
Tempe Public Library

What better way to commemorate 9/11 then by finding out how you can serve in your community.

This informative session walks potential volunteers through a series of questions to help them identify what kind of volunteer commitment and assignment would be right for them. Current opportunities available in the community are also discussed.

Get your friends and neighbors involved, too!

Tempe held its annual recognition event for City volunteers on Thursday, April 19. Guests enjoyed a picnic lunch under the shade of trees in the courtyard area between the Tempe Public Library and Tempe History Museum.; afterward everyone moved indoors for the award ceremony held within the Museum's Community Room. The following volunteers were recognized by Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman: Albina Valley, Volunteer of the Year; Jessica Bass, Youth Volunteer of the Year; Hilda Bermudez, Site Supervisor of the Year; Herb Fibel, Continuous Service Award; and the Citizen Emergency

Response Team

**Course Instruction** 

and Administrative
Support Team were
recognized with a Group
Project Award.



Albina
Valley volunteers at the Pyle
Adult Rec-

reation Center where she has served as assistant director of the Senior Songbirds group since 1999. The Senior Songbirds are a group of about 40 men and women who entertain all over the valley at nursing homes, daycare centers, retirement parties, weddings and funerals. In this capacity Albina spends many hours putting together programs, making contacts with activity directors and

(See all the lunch photos at: http://cityoftempe.shutterfly.com/ pictures/1658#1650) scheduling future performances. She attends all rehearsals and stays after to help organize and clean up.

Seventeen year old Jessica Bass has volunteered in the Youth Library at the Tempe Pub-



for the past five years. Although the Library utilizes many

young volunteers, Jessica is a favorite with the librarians because of her reliability, work ethic, the quality of her work and her willingness to take on new and additional projects. Jessica has served on the library's Youth Corps for most of her tenure, as well as

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# Voluntarily Yours

"Without Melaine's hard work and dedication, the Friend's book sale operation would not be the successful venture it is today. She took the book sale operation from a single book cart to a full-fledged bookstore that raised tens of thousands of dollars in support of library programs. She is absolutely the most wonderful volunteer that I had the privilege of knowing".

Teri Metros Retired Library Director

## **Library Legend Retires**

What makes someone a legend, "a person who inspires myths or stories of the past?" How about almost 23 years of award-winning service and playing a key role in the development and continuation of an organization? There are few who would argue that long-time Friends of the Library volunteer, Melaine Corrao, is such a legend.

Melaine started her service at the Tempe Public Library when it opened its doors in its current location in September 1989. The Library sent out a call for volunteers willing to give tours of the new facility and Melaine respond-

ed. She says she had time on her hands, was looking for something to do and lived near the library.

Once the "new" Library became familiar and docents were no longer needed, Melaine moved on to the *Friends*, a support organization that raises funds for library programs via used book sales. Melaine found that she liked the people she worked with and she liked what she was doing, so she just kept on doing it!

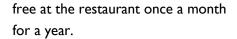
Over the years, Melaine has done it all. She served on the *Friends* board for many years and was its president for two years. She has carted, unpacked, sorted and priced so many books, she dreams about them.

Melaine takes credit for the first book

sale event which took place for two hours on a Tuesday evening. These sales are now all-day affairs held twice a year and draw people from all over the valley.

All of Melaine's work did not go unnoticed. She was the City of Tempe Volunteer of the Year in 1997 and earned the President's Volunteer Service Life-

time Achievement
Award thousands of
hours ago. Her picture
hung for a year in the
Hunter's Steak House,
formerly on the corner of Lakeshore and
Rural Road, after she
had won a *Points of Light* Award,. As part
of the prize, she and
her family got to eat



Melaine has seen many changes, with the shop moving and expanding in size. Sales have expanded greatly, too, and now include online book sales; as well as a *Friends*-run the coffee shop in the Library. One constant is the many friendships Melaine has developed through the organization.

Melaine still checks in on the shop occasionally and she is happy to share her institutional knowledge gathered over the years, but now she can spend more time on service at her church, her four great-grandchildren and helping her friends (lower case!). It will be many years before the "legend of Melaine Corrao" will be forgotten.



Melaine (right) pictured with **Lupe Camargo**, president of the Friends of the Library, at her lune 15 retirement party.

## Historic Mill Comes Back to Life

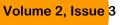
More than 80 volunteers showed up at 6 a.m. on Saturday, June 30, to haul rocks and dirt. That's JUNE 30 as in HOT! Who would have thought there would be that many crazy people in Tempe?!

The call went out for volunteers to help fill gabion baskets—those wire forms filled with river rock and serving as walls or other architectural features. Volunteers from Intel, Tempe High Key Club, the Faithful City Church, Tempe's Neighborhood Advisory Board and an array of citizens, both young and old, responded.

Not only is hauling tons of rock hard work, but the baskets are located on a slope adding to the physicality of the project. That didn't stop the volunteers and the slope looked like an ant hill abuzz with activity that morning!

The gabion baskets are part of a renewal project for Tempe's iconic Hayden Flour Mill. The Rio Salado Foundation, in partnership with Downtown Tempe Community, are working to renovate the grounds of the mill and make it a destination for visitors and events. The mill itself will have glass windows on the ground floor so that visitors can look inside and get a glimpse at the machinery and workings of the old mill. The grounds will have shady spots where visitors can picnic or sit and contemplate Tempe's beginnings.

A grand opening celebration is scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, October 5. More information on the project is available at http://www.tempe.gov/index.aspx? page=2344.







Filling a gabion basket.



All the hard working volunteers! Project leader Mayor Hugh Hallman on far right.



Entertainment was provided by **Vaughn Willis** throughout the event.

# We Love Our Summer Volunteers!

Pictured on this page are just some of the almost 200 students who volunteered for the City this past summer. Teens helped at the Tempe Public Library, Tempe History Museum, Edna Vihel Activity Building, Escalante Community Center, Camp Challenge, as well as the Kiwanis and Escalante pools. Their total number of hours served is expected to be close to 10,000 just for the months of June and July!

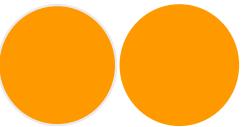
#### AWESOME!!



Summer Camp participants grow up to be Counselors-in-Training volunteers! Pictured is this year's crew from the Escalante Center. First Row (I to r) Micayla Linley, Mariah Estrada, Zane Encinas, Hannifah Muhammad. Back Row (I to r) Ms. Elisa (staff), Alexandra Benitez, Kayla Keahoha, Brittany Parsons, Xavier Buchannon, Dade Rickard, Corina Ruelas, and program coordinator Frieda Roben. Not pictured: AJ Wright, Alex Sawko, Lynnae Pina.



Mixing up glaze for a youth ceramics class are (I to r) sisters **Taylor** and **Lillian Kelly** who are volunteering this summer as instructors' assistants. Every summer teens work alongside paid staff to help present art related classes for children at the Edna Vihel Activity Center. Also volunteering at the Center are **Jennifer Bass, Rachel Adelberg, Justine Gardner, Francesca Deluca** and **Bianka Alban**.



Tempe History Museum Wild Wednesday
Team Leaders and volunteers helped visitors
travel around the world to Tempe's Sister Cities
via crafts, entertainment and games. Back row,
(I to r): Geordan Williams, Amanda
Young, Matthew Cruz, Xochitl Enrique,
Marcus Maldonado, Scott Kenyon and
Thomas Bustoz. Middle row, (I to r): Dana
Brink, Sasha Palansky, Ana Howard,
Nena Scheuch, Sarah Rogers, Sara Anna
Feipel, Michael Morrissey and Natashe
Burrell. Front row, (I to r): Abel Romero and
Jazmin Romero.



#### We are Grateful for...

We are grateful for the many school, neighborhood, church and corporate groups, as well as Boy Scouts and others, who help run the city's special events and activities, as well as work in our parks and habitat areas. Listed below are those who helped between April 1 and June 30, 2012.

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#### **Special Events**

Alpha Phi Omega
McClintock High School National
Honor Society
Tempe High School Key Club
University of Phoenix
Aeropostale Employees
Intel
The Faithful City

Completed Eagle Scout

Projects

Stephen Kendall
Joseph Russell
Taylor Tzineff



New Adopt-A-Park Volunteer Groups

Bank of America (for a total of 3 parks)

Selleh Park Neighborhood Association

Tempe Rotary Club

Missio dei Communities Church

City of Tempe Neighborhood Advisory Commission

Parsons-Brinckerhoff expanded their already adopted area



#### Group Parks Projects

**Intel Corporation** sent over 100 people to work in the Lo Piano Habitat.

US Airways did a group clean-up project

**ASU Global Institute of Sustainability** did a clean-up project at A-Mountain (Tempe Butte)

Maricopa Community College Communications class planted trees at Daumler Park

**AZ Geocache** did a clean-up project in the Lo Piano Habitat

Christ Life Church did a planting project at Play del Norte

Several **Starbuck's** stores participated in a clean-up project on the north side of Tempe Town Lake

**East Valley Boys Service Club** performed a large project painting a wall at Campbell park **Phoenix Botanical Gardens Youth Group** performed a clean-up and painting project at Papago park

**Maricopa County** probationers continue to clean up abandoned and vacant lots around Tempe, as well as help maintain Double Butte Cemetery



Voluntarily Yours

Christine Kling is the volunteer coordinator of the Volunteers in Policing (VIP) program. This program has an average of 130 volunteers annually who serve in over 50 different roles, within 17 different programs, touching every bureau of the Tempe Police Department, and with over 1,100 hours of service per month. The volunteers perform a myriad of tasks too long to list here, but are

serving to expand and enhance the services of the police department. In addition to the duties they perform, volunteers also help build a bridge between the community and police by serving as ambassadors, both while "on-duty" and as they move about their daily lives.



Christine Kling

#### How long have you worked for the City of Tempe?

I have held several positions with the City, my first real job being with the Tempe Police Department in 1973. I worked as a police records clerk, police dispatcher, police service assistant in detention and as a communications bureau shift supervisor. I left in 1981 to stay home with my children. In 2000, I came back to the city as the clinical director of the Senior Peer Counseling program and then accepted a grant-funded position as a Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Advocate and Counselor until the grant ran out in 2001. I have worked for six years now as volunteer coordinator for the VIP program, giving me a total of 15 years with the City.

#### What is your educational background and work history?

After leaving the police department, I was a homemaker raising three children. During that time I completed my degree in Psychology and earned a Master's in Counseling. When my youngest entered school, I took a job with the Center Against Sexual Abuse as a counselor and then Director of Advocacy for seven years. I also worked for the Attorney General's Victims Service Office, as the State Victim Right's Trainer, and then worked for the City of Scottsdale Victim Services as a Senior Victim Advocate until 2006. After 25 years I returned to the Tempe Police department in my current role.

#### What is your favorite part of working with volunteers?

The volunteers are my favorite part. I'm constantly amazed at the variety and breadth of experience brought to us by people of all ages. There are so many wonderful personalities. I find that volunteers' overriding desire is to give—from the heart, to give back and some to pay it forward. Others give in order to learn new things or to better themselves for a new job (whether as a public servant or civilian employee). And in return, we learn so much from them. I most enjoy when we make a good match between a volunteer and a position. The appreciation from both the volunteer and the staff is gratifying. I have a great deal of pride being the Volunteer Coordinator for the police department and consider myself fortunate to be able to work with our volunteers.

#### What's your favorite thing to do when you aren't working?

I most enjoy spending time with my family (husband, two sons, a daughter/son-in-law/ grandson, and two rescue dogs) and with friends, especially in Williams, AZ, where we have a cabin. I also enjoy walking, watching movies, traveling and welcoming new adventures, both large and small.



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with the library's summer reading program.
Jessica is a senior at Marcos de Niza High
School.

Herb Fibel's vocation was "attorney at law", but his avocation has been "birder" for more than 25 years. Herb's love and knowledge of birds is what brought him to the City's Recreation office many years ago when he offered to teach basic birding classes as a volunteer. His didn't allow his students to just sit in a classroom, but took them into the wild to see birds in their natural habitat. Upon his retirement, Herb added the Tempe History Museum to his roster of service. As a volunteer docent, he is responsible for presenting information about ranching at the Petersen House to Tempe 4th graders.

The volunteers who make up the Citizen

Emergency Response Team Course Instruction and Administrative Support



**Team** were recognized with a Special Project Award. CERT, a program of the Tempe Fire

Department, is a national training program that seeks to teach all citizens emergency preparedness techniques. These volunteers supported each CERT training class with their administrative, logistical and instructional skills to make the program a success. Members of the support team are Joe Rio, Joyce Jones, Preston Martineau, Frank Elsberry, Joy Kleisler, Steve Moore, Stanley Villalobos, Ivy Rio, Mike Ritchey, Ernie Parquette, Andrea Rio, Judy Summers, CJ Anderson and Grace Watson.

Police employee **Hilda Bermudez** was selected as Site Supervisor of the Year for her work supervising volunteers at the Hardy Police Substation. Hilda works the lobby desk at the station and is often the primary onsite go-to person. This makes it difficult for her to be gone, so Hilda worked with volunteers to create a "lobby manual" and has been training them to cover her desk when she isn't there. Her supervisor, Commander Dave Humble, praises Hilda for the way she treats everyone with respect and friendliness.

The Mayor, Tempe City Council and Tempe employees congratulate the award recipients and thank all of the volunteers for the gift of their time and talents!

# Tempe Volunteers Receive President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award

Three City of Tempe volunteers reached the service milestone of 4,000 hours of volunteer service and received the President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. They are **Loraine Carmen**, Pyle Center/Needlewielders; **Audrey Chiarella**, Pyle Center/Needlewielders; and **Gail Fisher**, Friends of the Tempe Center for the Arts. Congratulations!

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**Helping make Tempe** the best place to live, work and play through service to the community!



#### Mission of the Volunteer Program

The mission of the City of Tempe Volunteer Program is to connect citizens to their city government through opportunities to serve within the Tempe municipal government organization and the community.

Volunteers serve in Tempe government offices, programs and facilities, and expand and enhance the services the city is able to provide to the community. Volunteers enable the city to stretch tax dollars and improve the lives of its citizens.

A wide variety of service opportunities exist for individuals and groups, from sixth graders through golden-agers, from a few hours to years of service.

## Happy Birthday to You!

7/1 Vanja Djurdjevic, CARE7 7/I Cameron Payne, VIPs 7/3 Kelly Fujio, Friends of the Library 7/3 Randy Griggs, VIPs 7/3 Hanshrajan Ilango, Library 7/3 Marcela Palefsky, Escalante Center 7/4 Robert Rose, CARE7 7/5 Linda Bordwell, Museum 7/5 Mary Dunaway, Pyle Center 7/7 Judith Buchanan, VIPs 777 Alex Kenyon, Museum 7/9 Marilyn Krauskopf, Center for the Arts 7/10 Tris Castle, VIPs 7/10 Penny McKinley, Museum 7/11 Gabrielle Koza, Escalante Center 7/11 Justin Parsons, Fire 7/11 Drew Willis, CARE7 7/13 June Yoon, Center for the Arts 7/15 Ray Adams, VIPs 7/15 Robert Orr, Friends of the Library 7/17 Hannah Brabson, Library 7/18 Deborah Mayer, VIPs 7/18 Marcus Vailao, Library 7/22 Mary Leason, VIPs

8/1 Neil McConahay, Media Services 8/2 Peggy Moroney, Museum, TCA 8/2 Maria Purchine, Library

7/23 Norma Witt, Cahill Center

7/25 Stephen Engelhardt, VIPs

7/27 Samia Abuseif, Library

7/28 Jonathan Barbera, VIPs

7/30 Alma Varon, Library

7/27 Elsie Miller, Volunteer Office

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7/25 Lorri Chavez, VIPs

7/26 Jill Becker, VIPs

8/3 Julie Templeton, VIPs 8/4 Kendall Cody, Library 8/4 Judy Lentine, Museum 8/5 Waleed Al-Khafaji, Library 8/5 Preston Martineau 8/5 Laura Norberry, Library 8/6 Ray Navarre, Pyle 8/6 Michele Verderame, VIPs 8/7 Vince Enlund, Recreation 8/9 Alan Weeks, VIPs 8/9 Sandra Palais, VIPs 8/10 David Lopez 8/11 Richard Nearing, Museum 8/11 Juno Smalley, VIPs 8/12 Lori Daniels, Recreation 8/14 Nathan Burda, Library 8/15 Eleanor Pickett, Museum 8/16 Charles Brownson, Cultural 8/16 Claudia Howard, Pyle 8/17 Alex Jovanovic, VIPs 8/18 Betty Enz, Museum 8/18 Joan Parent, FTPL 8/18 Lois Sahl, Pyle 8/18 Dan Wong, VIPs 8/20 Theresa Munanga, Museum 8/21 Miriam Moskoff, Pyle 8/22 Kathy Bache, Museum 8/22 Mark O. Miller, Museum 8/22 George Regis, VIPs 8/22 Rick Walker, Escalante Center 8/23 Anne Chandler, Friends of the Library 8/24 Summer Kim, Library 8/26 Robert McKinley, Museum 8/27 Fred Allen, VIPs

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8/27 Amy Lettick, Museum

8/27 Marianne Egan, Library

8/31 Gen Ito, Library 9/1 Virginia Benedict, VIPs 9/3 Paul Finkel, CARE7 9/3 Ken Porter, VIPs 9/3 Joyce Vesper, Museum 9/3 Dorothy Waits, Pyle Center 9/4 Yuri Sylvester, VIPs 9/5 Viannie Sarik, Library 9/5 Yahselah Thompson, Library 9/6 Joanne Floth, CARE7 9/7 Kelley Garver, VIPs 9/12 Maya Bose, Library 9/14 Lena Felder, TCA 9/14 Noah Katz, Fire 9/14 Robert Lewis, VIPs 9/14 Beveraly Phillips, Cahill Center 9/15 Alyse Belletti, CARE7 9/15 Drew Biber, Fire 9/15 Elizabeth Cling, VIPs 9/15 Dalia Hughes, Library 9/15 Alexandria Whiteside, VIPs 9/16 Jerry Lape, Recreation 9/18 Rebecca Adams, VIPS 9/18 Kelly Stumper, Recreation 9/21 Mayra Buenrostro, VIPs 9/24 Harry Boswell, Museum 9/26 Allan Pratt, VIPs 9/26 Albina Valley, Pyle 9/27 Audrey Chiarella, Pyle Center 9/27 Kaila Kienast, Library 9/27 Karen Lanser, Museum 9/28 Jan Zingerman, Friends of the Library 9/29 Nicole Kirkland, Library 9/29 Ann Yates VIPs

8/28 Ed Gallagher, Fire